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SUBJECT: "JEUNE AFRIQUE" ON US-NIGERIAN RELATIONS

1. JEUNE AFRIQUE NO. 846 (MARCH 25) CARRIES SEVERAL ARTICLES ON NIGERIA, INCLUDING "AMERICAN CHALLENGE TO LAGOS," BY SENNEN ANDRIAMIRADO. LATTER ASSERTS THAT US HAS CHOSEN NIGERIA AS INSTRUMENT TO SOLVE ANGOLAN/CUBAN PROBLEM BY SUGGESTING REPLACEMENT OF CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE BY NIGERIAN TROOPS. 5,000 NIGERIANS MAY, "ACCORDING TO CERTAIN SOURCES," HAVE EMBARKED ON CIVILIAN FREIGHTERS IN BISSAU DESTINED FOR LUANDA, POSSIBLY WITH THE DIPLOMATIC AID OF CONAKRY. "IN ANY CASE, SECRET DIPLOMACY HAS RESULTED

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IN COUNTRIES REPUTED TO BE PROGRESSIVE, ANGOLA, CUBA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, AND NIGERIA, ALL FIND THEMSELVES UNDER SAME AND BENEVOLENT INSPIRATION BY IMPERIALIST AMERICA. US HAS KILLED TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE: IN OBTAINING, WITHOUT UPSETTING ANYONE, DEPART OF CUBAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA, IT HAS ALSO BROUGHT ITSELF CLOSER TO NIGERIA, THAT AFRICAN MONSTER WHICH

IS MORE AND MORE FINDING ITS VOCATION THAT OF GREAT
POWER".

2. ARTICLE INCLUDES SEVERAL QUOTES FROM ANDREW YOUNG
AND VANCE ON NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND ITS
GROWING IMPORTANCE IN US TRADE AS COMPARED WITH SOUTH
AFRICA. CUBA WILLING GO ALONG AS IT SEEKS REOPENING
US MARKET FOR SUGAR AND NICKEL. "A BIG LOSER IN ALL
THIS IS SOVIET UNION. PERSPECTIVE OF WASHINGTON-
HAVANA DETENTE WILL REDUCE ITS HOLD ON FIDEL CASTRO".
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